<u>Abstract</u>

The invention relates to a method for forming coatings on an inorganic or organic substrate and to substrates coated in accordance with the method. In the method:

- a) a low-temperature plasma, a corona discharge, high-energy radiation and/or a flame treatment is caused to act on the inorganic or organic substrate,
- b) 1.) at least one activatable initiator or 2.) at least one activatable initiator and at least one ethylenically unsaturated compound is/are applied in the form of a melt, solution, suspension or emulsion to the inorganic or organic substrate, there being incorporated in the activatable initiator and/or the ethylenically unsaturated compound at least one group that interacts with a subsequently applied coating or reacts with groups contained therein, with the effect of promoting adhesion, and
- c) the coated substrate is heated and/or is irradiated with electromagnetic waves and an adhesion promoter layer is formed,
- d) the substrate so pretreated is provided with the further coating which contains reactive groups that react with those of the adhesion promoter layer and/or interact with the adhesion promoter layer.